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Attn: Patent Application Branch

RE: Filing of Patent Application  
**"EXPRESS MAIL" LABEL NUMBER: EL293872119US**  
Our File: B208-1031

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing is a patent application of Yoshihiro Honma for a SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS, the application comprising a Specification of 43 pages; 28 numbered Claims, including 8 Independent numbered Claims; 14 sheets of Formal Drawings (Figures 1-14); an Abstract and our check in the amount of \$1,294.00 in payment of the filing fee, which has been calculated as follows: \$760.00 base filing fee; \$390.00 for five Independent claims in excess of three and \$144.00 for eight claims in excess of twenty.

A "Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application" will be filed at a later date.

Claim will be made under 35 U.S.C. § 119 for the benefit of the filing date of Japanese Patent Application No. Hei 10-129671 (filed April 24, 1998), a certified copy of which will be filed in due course.

Authorization is given for the charging of any further fee for effecting filing to our Deposit Account 18-1644.

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